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Letter dated 21 July 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to Security Council resolution 2157 (2014) of 29 May 2014, by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS) for a period of six months, from 1 June until 30 November 2014. I have taken note of the request of the Council that I conduct a comprehensive review of the mandate of UNIOGBIS to ensure that it is aligned with the priorities identified by the Government and report on the findings of such a review by 30 October 2014.

I am, however, concerned that the deployment of an assessment mission to Guinea-Bissau within the next few weeks to meet the 30 October 2014 deadline may be premature given that the new Government will require time to identify, through a process of inclusive consultations, its long-term national priorities. I would therefore request that the Council give consideration to granting an extension of three months for the submission of my report. This would give the Government the time needed to settle into its new role, to collaboratively define its key priorities and to consult with representatives of my assessment mission on how best to align the mandate of UNIOGBIS with its priorities.

I would be grateful if the Security Council could give consideration to my request.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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